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COUNTRY	<u>8 Austria</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC	<u>Soviet Troops in Vienna</u>		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT		DATE PREPARED	<u>7 October 1954</u>
DATE OBTAINED		REFERENCES	
PAGES	<u>2</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	
REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		

On 8 September 1954, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with and without tank insignia and some others wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the installation.

[redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were parked on the drill ground southeast of the Trost Kaserne. All these vehicles were camouflaged with twigs. Groups of soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank or artillery insignia, others with black-bordered red epaulets, were observed near these vehicles. At 1730 the troops with their motor vehicles and weapons returned to the Trost Kaserne. Eight tank trucks were parked under the shed-roof on the drill ground. Three repair-shop trucks, which had windows and steps, three armored vehicles of undetermined type, and an [redacted] of armored vehicles were parked in the [redacted] of the repair shop at 109-111 Trost Strasse which employed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was surrounded by a newly constructed wall. No activity or traffic was observed at the garage near the water tower on Windten Strasse. The garage was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No sentry was seen and no activity was observed at the garage on Alxinger Strasse. About 25 motor vehicles were parked at the garage on Pernerstorfergasse which was guarded by a sentry newly painted and had no [redacted]

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y [REDACTED] Comment. The present report indicates that major elements of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt were stationed in Vienna. [REDACTED] the 12 T-34/85 tanks reported belong to the 127th Tank Bn of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt. The four 85-mm AT guns observed presumably belong to the artillery battalion of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt. [REDACTED] the trucks which towed these guns belong to the 44th Gds Mecz Regt; jeep [REDACTED], which was parked near the trucks, belongs to the artillery battalion of this regiment. In August 1953 the artillery battalion was still equipped with 76-mm guns. [REDACTED]

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